



CDCR Prison Population Reduction Package *By the Numbers*

The Administration has proposed a budget reduction package designed to reduce Average Daily Population (ADP) by approximately **27,300**, which is estimated to save up to **\$1.2 billion** if fully implemented in the 2009-10 fiscal year. This document lays out the estimated prison population reduction numbers for FY 2009-10 involved with each proposal:

POPULATION REDUCTIONS

- **Alternative Custody Options for Lower-Risk Offenders:** Proposal would provide alternative custody options for lower-risk offenders to reduce costs and strain on the state prison system. Certain offenders would be eligible to serve the last 12 months of their sentence under house arrest with GPS monitoring. House arrest may include placement in a residence, local program, hospital or treatment center. Statutorily eligible inmates would include inmates with 12 months or less remaining to serve, and elderly or medically infirm inmates. ***Estimated to reduce the prison population by 6,300 ADP.***
- **Risk-Based Parole Supervision and Lower Agent Caseloads:** Proposal would target active parole supervision to offenders with a serious or violent commitment history, sex offenders, and those assessed as high risk. The remaining offenders, largely low and moderate risk, nonviolent felons, would be placed on administrative or "banked" parole, but would continue to be subject to warrantless search and seizure by local police. CDCR will reduce parole caseload ratios from 70-1 to 45-1, improving supervision and services for those with the highest risk of reoffending. Parolees who commit certain parole violations will be eligible for placement on GPS supervision as an alternative to returning them to prison. ***Estimated to reduce the number of parole violators in prison population by 5,300 ADP.***
- **Commutation of Select Deportable Criminal Aliens:** The California Constitution provides the Governor the authority to commute prison sentences. The Governor will review the cases of criminal alien felons who are subject to deportation upon release on a case-by-case basis starting with the lowest level offenders. The first group to be considered for commutation will be those inmates who have never committed a violent or sex offense and who have only one felony in their entire adult criminal history. ***Could reduce the number of criminal alien felons in California prisons by up to 8,500 ADP.***
- **Adjusting Property Crime Thresholds and/or Changing Crimes to Misdemeanors:** Proposal would reduce from wobblers to misdemeanors property crimes associated with writing bad checks, petty theft with a prior, receiving stolen property, vehicle theft and grand theft crimes, and change the monetary threshold that determines whether the property crime is a misdemeanor or felony from \$400 to \$2,500. For wobblers where there is no monetary threshold specified (e.g., vehicle theft), a \$2,500 threshold would be added. ***Estimated to prospectively reduce the prison population by 5,600 ADP.***
- **Positive Behavior and Rehabilitation Program Credit Enhancements:** Proposal would allow inmates who participate in and complete rehabilitation programs such as GED, college degrees, and vocational training, to earn additional sentence credits. Credits would also be increased for discipline-free time served in county jail, during parole violations, or while waiting for programs to become available. ***Estimated to reduce the prison population by 1,600 ADP.***

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